

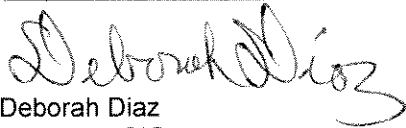
NASA-STD-2804M Amendment
Mac OS X 10.6 (Snow Leopard) Deployment Update

NASA-STD-2804M, *Minimum Interoperability Software Suite*, was ratified in August 2009, prior to the production release of Mac OS X 10.6 (Snow Leopard) later that month. Since that time the Emerging Technology and Desktop Standards (ETADS) group has been evaluating and conducting interoperability testing on Snow Leopard in preparation for its approval to deploy.

Apple's stated goal for Mac OS X 10.6 was to refine, simplify, and improve the performance of the OS. As such Mac OS X 10.6 is primarily an incremental improvement over the functionality currently available in Mac OS X 10.5. Important new features that NASA will find immediately useful include native Exchange support and improved support for smartcard integration. Apple has a history of releasing new hardware that only runs their latest operating system. While this is not immediately the case, it is nevertheless prudent to quickly prepare for Snow Leopard.

General deployment of Mac OS X 10.6 beginning April 1, 2010 is approved. Mac OS X 10.5 should be removed from all NASA systems by March 2011. NASA-STD-2804M will be amended to reflect these timelines.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact Tony Facca (tony.facca@nasa.gov) or call 216-433-8318.



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